

EXHIBIT B

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION**

CORRIE CUNNINGHAM, as Special Administrator of the Estate of HANSEL CUNNINGHAM, III, Deceased,)	2007L013054 CALENDAR/ROOM TIME 00:00 Product Liability
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	No.
TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC., a corporation,)	
Defendant.)	

COMPLAINT AT LAW

COUNT I

STRICT LIABILITY

WRONGFUL DEATH

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1. On and before November 20, 2005, Defendant, TASER, was engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, assembling, testing, marketing, distributing, maintaining, repairing and selling conductive energy devices (commonly known as "tasers") and their related parts and accessories.
2. On and before November 20, 2005, Defendant, TASER, as part of its customary business activities, evaluated, recommended and outfitted clients, including law enforcement agencies, and specifically the Des Plaines Police Department, as to the type, size or design and model

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12. On and before November 20, 2005, Defendant, TASER, specifically fitted, recommended, advised and trained the Des Plaines Police Department in the maintenance and use of the Taser conductive energy devices, including for use against individuals with substantially similar medical conditions and history as Plaintiff's Decedent.

13. On and before November 20, 2005, the aforementioned Taser conductive energy devices, and their related parts and accessories, were designed, manufactured, maintained, repaired and sold by Defendant, TASER, with specific advice, recommendation and instruction for use, so as to be unreasonably dangerous.

14. On and before November 20, 2005, and at the time the aforesaid conductive energy devices, with their related parts and accessories, left the control of Defendant, TASER, said devices were in an unreasonably dangerous condition for one or more of the following reasons:

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- e. defendant failed to adequately warn users of tasers as to the increased risk of injury associated with the firing of multiple devices simultaneously;
- f. defendant failed to adequately warn intended subjects of the tasers as to the increased risk of injury associated with the conducted energy device.

15. As a proximate result of one or more of the aforementioned unreasonably dangerous conditions, Plaintiff's Decedent, HANSEL CUNNINGHAM, sustained injuries that resulted in his death on or about November 20, 2005.

16. HANSEL CUNNINGHAM left surviving him parents, CORRIE CUNNINGHAM and HANSEL CUNNINGHAM, who have and will suffer damages of a personal and pecuniary nature, including the loss of society, support, guidance, and companionship of Hansel Cunningham.

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COUNT II

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15. As a proximate result of one or more of the aforementioned unreasonably dangerous conditions, HANSEL CUNNINGHAM sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature, including conscious pain and suffering prior to his death on November 20, 2005, and had he survived, he would have been entitled to bring this action for damages, and this action survives him pursuant to the provisions of the Survival Act, 755 ILCS 5/27-6.

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AFFIDAVIT REGARDING DAMAGES SOUGHT

Plaintiff, CORRIE CUNNINGHAM, as Special Administrator of the Estate of HANSEL CUNNINGHAM, III, Deceased, by one of her attorneys, SHANNON M. McNULTY, being first duly sworn under oath, states as follows:

1. That the affiant is one of the attorneys of record for the Plaintiff in this matter.
2. That the total money damages sought in this civil action exceed the amount of \$50,000.00.

Further Affiant Sayeth Not.

By: 
SHANNON M. McNULTY

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109 (1993), I certify that the statements set forth herein are true and correct.